

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

**LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A polarizer to improve contrast for ~~LCD~~ a liquid crystal display (LCD) from down view angle is produced by laminating a triacetate cellulose (TAC) sheet on each side of a polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) sheet and further on ~~the toppest~~ top of one of the triacetate cellulose (TAC) ~~sheet~~ sheets applying a surface-treatment layer that is a protective film formed by a black dye mixture to inhibit dark-state light leakage and improve the contrast ~~for LCD from~~ of the liquid crystal display (LCD) from the down view angle.

Claim 2. (Original) As described in Claim 1 for a polarizer to improve the contrast from down view angle, the black dye is a solvent dye.

Claim 3. (Original) As described in Claim 1 for a polarizer to improve the contrast from down view angle, the black dye is an ionic acid chromic metal complex dye.

Claim 4. (Original) As described in Claim 1 for a polarizer to improve the contrast from down view angle, the black dye is mixed with the surface treatment material in 0.001% ~ 1% by weight.

Claim 5. (Original) As described in Claim 1 for a polarizer to improve the contrast from down view angle, the surface treatment layer is a hardcoat layer (HC layer).

Claim 6. (Original) As described in Claim 1 for a polarizer to improve the contrast from down view angle, the surface treatment layer is an anti-static layer (AS layer).